



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, October 29, 2019

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SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON. – THUR., 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

DO NOT FORGET – WE RETURN TO STANDARD TIME THIS WEEKEND. TURN YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR WHEN YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT!

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE ALL SAINTS SUNDAY AND OPEN HOUSE!

This coming Sunday, November 3, is All Saints Sunday and our OPEN HOUSE (see article below)! This is a Sunday to invite friends and neighbors as the mission and ministry of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church is uplifted and highlighted. This Sunday, we will conclude our sermon series: The Mission, Values and Vision of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. This Sunday we will highlight the vision of our congregation to make disciples who make a difference in this world while looking forward to the next. Our text will come from Revelation 21:1-7. Everything starts this Sunday at our church facility at 7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138. Fellowship officially begins at 9:00 am. Worship begins at 9:30 am. The open house follows worship.

GRAND OPENING/OPEN HOUSE – THIS SUNDAY!

This special Sunday will be geared to inviting the Parker community to come learn more about us. The sermon at worship that day will focus on sharing who we are and what we hope to accomplish as a church in the Parker community. Sunday School will be postponed that day as we will host a “Mission and Ministry Fair” in our fellowship area. Everyone in the congregation will be encouraged to meet, greet and converse with guests that day. *We invite everyone who is interested and able to bring an appetizer or “finger foods” to share* so that we may munch while we mingle and also learn about the missions and ministries at Spirit of Hope.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION RESCHEDULED TO NOV. 10

Because last Sunday’s snow storm caused the cancelation of the planned New Member Orientation, it has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 10 at 12:15 pm at the church. If you would like to find out more about becoming a member of Spirit of Hope (or know of someone who is interested) please come or let that interested person know about this opportunity. Lunch will be served and everyone present has a chance to learn more about the mission, vision, values, beliefs and history of our congregation. Please contact and RSVP to Pastors Dave and Wendy as soon as possible.

SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH – SOCIAL ADVENTURES!

Great things can happen in smaller groups and doing things we enjoy can expand our perspective on life. Susan Spancers will randomly organize trips/tours/adventures/events and you will be invited to join in the fun! You may drive separately or we may carpool, whatever fits the occasion.

The trip to the Butterfly Pavilion was canceled due to weather and will be rescheduled for a future date.

All ages welcome

NEW CHURCH PHONE NUMBER

Spirit of Hope now has a new phone number, 303-841-3553. We encourage you to put this number into your contacts and use it to

contact the church office and/or pastors. When no one is in the office, the call will be forwarded to the pastor who is on call so that you don't need to remember which pastor is on call! This is also the number to share with friends, family, or neighbors who might like to speak with a pastor or learn more about Spirit of Hope.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS

The next meeting of the Hopeful Spirits will be on Wednesday, November 13th from 1:30-3:30 at the church.

SAVE THE DATE! HOPEFUL SPIRITS CRAFT AND BAKE SALE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 IN THE FELLOWSHIP AREA!!!

UPDATE FROM THE MISSION FIELD!

We give thanks and praise that Tiffany Poch continues to feel better and Pastor Dave and Wayne Schultz returned safely from their work in Tanzania and Zambia with Marion Medical Mission. 2,917 wells were installed as of last Friday and the remaining 83 wells are expected to be completed by African field officers, supervisors and well builders in the next two weeks to complete the goal of 3,000 wells for this season. Half of these wells still need to be funded. A well that provides safe, protected drinking water for 125 people is only \$450. If you believe you are called to fund a well, a check can be made to Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church and the entire amount will be forwarded to Marion Medical Mission (please put "MMM Well" in the memo line). Or, you can go directly to MMM and donate on their web site www.mmmwater.org. All proceeds of a donated well go to the construction of that well. Thank you for supporting life giving water to some of the poorest people on the planet.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE AS A SHORT-TERM MISSIONARY IN 2020?

Our mission partner, East European Missions Network (EEMN) has now opened registrations for mission trips to eastern Europe during the summer of 2020. In years past, Spirit of Hope has sent people to serve the Tartu Academy of Theology (another one of our mission partners!) through EEMN in Estonia for their English Language Camps. You can learn more about the trips (including other countries that you can serve in) by clicking here:

<https://www.eemn.org/2020short-term-missions/>. Please know that Spirit of Hope is able to help provide some financial assistance to those who feel called to serve. So, please do not let finances keep you from sharing the love of Jesus with those who need to know His love! No experience is needed! If you'd like more information, please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy.

MISSION MOMENTS - OUR MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

By Pastor Dave

The mission statement of Spirit of Hope is: Using the Bible as our foundation we will honor God by growing in faith and love, sharing Jesus and giving generously. One of the ways that we can accomplish that mission is by intentionally practicing and promoting a climate of hospitality. During October the Mission Moments at the beginning of worship has lifted up and expanded on the following tips and pointers to help us foster a climate of hospitality. Once more, here are the “hospitality tips” we have presented and reminded you of:

- Watch for people who are new to you. Greet and introduce yourself and thank them for coming to visit us. Be yourself but don't overwhelm them.
- Ask them the basic questions we all use when getting to know someone.
- Answer any questions they have about Spirit of Hope as best as you can. If you don't know the answer to a question, let them know you will find out, and then follow up.
- As you meet and reconnect with your friends, introduce guests to other people. Try not to stand in a circle with your backs to guests. This unintentionally can give a signal to guests that they're not welcome.
- Respect a guest's desire for privacy. This can especially happen if a guest is seated alone in the sanctuary. They may want some solitude to pray, meditate and get ready for worship. If after greeting a guest you sense they may want to be undisturbed, tell them how nice it was to meet them and offer to help them if they have need before excusing yourself.

Being intentional about being welcoming does ultimately foster that climate of hospitality that we all appreciate and in which people can receive the love of God in Jesus.

CHRISMONS ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

What are Chrismons, you ask? Chrismons are special white and gold Christmas ornaments that tell the story of Jesus, including His promise from both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Chrismons are also a very special and unique part of our Lutheran heritage! Now that we are in our new church building, we will have a much larger Christmas tree in our sanctuary. As such, we need to make a lot more Chrismons!

November 9th where we will gather to make Chrismons from 9 am - 12:00 noon. This event is not just for ladies and no skills are required! All are welcome and many willing hands are needed. Instructions will be provided. Come and join us for a fun morning of fellowship as we prepare to make our first Advent in our new sanctuary extra special and create beautiful ornaments that will be a part of our congregation's history for generations to come. Please contact Sara Gutknecht for more information.

If you would like a kit, complete with supplies and instructions, that you would be willing to work on at home, please see Sara Gutknecht or contact Pastor Wendy.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2020

According to the by-laws of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church “(B1.01) There shall be six lay members of the Church Board, who shall be selected by unanimous decision of the Church Board. Eligible members may volunteer or (with their consent) be nominated by any confirmed member no later than three months prior to the annual meeting.” What this means is that any confirmed member of the congregation may volunteer themselves or nominate another confirmed member (with that member’s consent) to serve on the board. Our current church board is scheduled to replace three of its six members in January 2020. Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and Gary Flora are scheduled to go off the board while John Parsons, Bill

Byers and Pam Malone are scheduled to remain on the board for one more year. Church Board terms are normally two years in length. If you would like to be considered for the board or nominate someone for consideration, please contact any board member, Pastor Wendy or Pastor Dave in writing (letter or e-mail) between now and October 31. After October 31 those nominated will go through the vetting process described in the by-laws before being selected by the board before the next annual meeting.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Wendy Poch or Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-841-3553 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org. or pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org.

Jesus said; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Please include the following people in your prayers:

Thanksgiving for safe travel and effective mission work done by Wayne Schultz and Pastor Dave Fisher in Africa this month.

Thanksgiving for the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia as they prepare to move into their new facility in November and continue fundraise to make loan payments

Traci Kallas who is dealing with chronic health issues

For our Christian brothers and sisters all over the world who suffer persecution to be comforted and strengthened and for the Lord God to defeat the evil of terrorism done to them

For Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministry, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Missions, Bethesda Lutheran Ministries, Compassion International, the Institute of Lutheran Theology

For missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (Members and Friends)

October Anniversaries

10/30 Bill & Cheri Lusk

November Birthdays

11/4 Victoria Fisher

11/6 Jackie Dillon

11/14 Courtney Giles

11/16 Bud Blazier

11/22 Tim Reinicke

November Anniversaries

11/13 Paul & Brenda Reinicke

11/27 Bud & Shelly Blazier

11/30 Chuck & Wendy West

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

October income (to date) = \$15,850

October expenses (to date) = \$10,006

Checking = \$20,206

Money Market = \$29,190 (Reserves = \$10,409 Dedicated = \$18,781)

Building Fund = \$12,125

Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$5,232